

Balmaceda spent \$78,000,000 in his little Cillian war of eight months.

The average circulation of the 4000 books published in Russia last year was only 300 copies.

One woman succeeded in voting in Chicago in the last election, and the result is that the vote of the entire district has been challenged.

Indian Territory citizens are endeavoring to secure broader jurisdiction for the territorial federal courts, to save litigants much travel and expense.

The Death Valley must henceforth be classed among the sentimental shams, declares the Boston Cultivator. The government survey party has found 200 varieties of mammals inhabiting the valley.

One of the curiosities of the recent census in Ireland, noted by the New York Press, is that whereas Christians of every name have decreased in number during the decade, the Hebrews have increased 281 per cent.

German ingenuity has produced a new field gun which is said to be far more effective than anything France can show. The inventors of war machinery evidently feel their share of responsibility for the peace of Europe, remarks the Philadelphia Record.

The latest syndicate discovered by the San Francisco Chronicle is engaged in supplying slothful clergymen with ready-made sermons at the remarkably low rate of a half-dollar a sermon. The inference is plain that this bureau has either secured a number of barbs of old sermons or else it has gone into the business of revamping published discourses of famous divines.

The London Engineer, in an article on high speeds on railways, speaks of the dangers which attend the working of the present style of locomotives when running above sixty miles an hour. The centrifugal stresses in the reciprocating parts and counterpoles are enormous, and increase with the square of the speed. The Engineer thinks some form of rotary steam engine yet to be invented may prove best for high speeds. Here is a nut for inventors to crack.

An effort is being made by a prominent educator to keep up the "Tau" language in South Africa. The Afrikaners have distinct national characteristics of their own, the outgrowth of a combination of European nationalities. The official language of the majority of the countries is Dutch, although English is widely used in the provinces as the popular language. Professor Mansveld advocates measures to prevent the native from being absorbed by a mass of foreigners.

Now we are told, exclaims the American Dairymen, that the microscope is a necessary instrument at the well regulated creamery. "This looks like a little too long a stride in advance. That instrument is very apt to be misleading in the hands of the average man. It requires long and patient study to become a microscopist. Not that one man can not see quite as well as another through it, but he can not tell what it is he does see. It is one thing to find a microbe, and another to know him when you find him."

Germany is imitating the bad example of France, observes the San Francisco Chronicle. In a time of peace she is increasing her national debt. The deficit for the coming year 1892-93 is estimated at \$40,000,000, and a loan of \$30,000,000 is to be floated to cover it. If the enormous expenditures incurred by Germany to preserve peace do not accomplish their object and she engages in an unsuccessful war it is safe to predict that the outcome will be a German Republic. Worse things might happen to the country.

Recent investigation by Dr. Brockman has brought to light the fact relative to the 880 fire-damp explosions which have occurred during twenty years in the Dortmund district of Germany, that the accidents that took place on Monday were more than twice as many as on any other day in the week. Now arises the question, speculates the New York Observer, whether the manner in which the miners keep the Sabbath may not affect their condition for work on Monday. Further investigation is in order. We should be pleased to know how the Sunday has been spent by these miners. That might possibly show that an ill spent Sabbath is a bad preparation for a week's work."

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## THE NEW WHALEBACK.

A Passenger Steamer that Will Cross the Atlantic in Five Days.

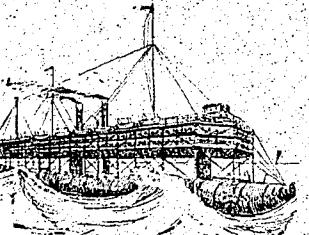
The new "whaleback" passenger steamer, now building at Wilmington, Del., is intended to make the distance between New York and Queenstown in five days and to combine speed with safety and plenty of room.

The hull, says the Scientific American, is of the steel barge pattern, almost submerged, supporting a strongly built pier beyond the reach of the wildest sea. Two longitudinal bulkheads divide the hull into three main compartments, which are subdivided by transverse bulkheads into twenty-one separate water-tight sections, without doors below the water-line. The curved deck affords immunity from crushing waves above, and the double bottom from the perils that may lurk below. The engines designed to drive this vessel at a speed of twenty-four knots an hour are of 19,500 I. H. P., three in number, of the triple-expansion type, running 120 revolutions per minute, with propellers of 24.2 feet pitch, 11.8 feet diameter, and are to be supplied with steam by sectional boilers at a pressure of 115 pounds.

There will be numerous auxiliary engines for electric lighting, elevators, hoisting, ventilating, heating, etc. The superstructure is supported by five piers twelve feet in diameter, at distances respectively of 60, 180, 204, 228, and 372 feet from the bow, and at a distance of 132, 300, and 344 feet are steel masts, used also as ventilators.

The arrangement of apartments is in accordance with latest ideas. The lower floor is devoted to staterooms that are lighted by incandescent electric lights at night. During the day those rooms along the central girder are lighted from beneath by a disk grating, over which an electric mat heater is placed. Accommodation for 720 first-class passengers is provided. Steerage travelers will, of course, be limited to the hull. On the upper floor are the various halls, parlors, a grand dining-room, and as novelties, a billiard parlor, baths, a laundry and ocean mail room; and for those who delight in promenades, two four feet wide completely round the floors, and that upon the roof. Passage between the hull and superstructure is accomplished by means of electric lifts, within the first, central and last piers.

By the separation of hull and living apartments the passenger is enabled to avoid the smell of machinery, the



THE NEW "WHALEBACK" PASSENGER STEAMER.

that of freight handling and all those ills that transatlantic travelers condemn. By the union of ship and hotel he is enabled to convert the voyage of three weary months in an open caravan into five days of luxurious ease and pleasure. The accommodations and capacity of a ship thus designed will command it to the favorable notice of those interested in European trade and travel.

MRS. FLORENCE E. MAYBRICK.

The Handsome American Lady Under Life Sentence in England.

Few criminal cases have aroused such genuine interest in America as that known as the Maybrick case, in which the defendant, an American woman, was found guilty by a British jury of the murder of her husband and sentenced to be hanged. That was in August, 1889. The verdict caused general indignation, since the evidence neither proved conclusively that the death of James Maybrick was due to poison, nor that his wife attempted to administer such to him. The many friends of the prisoner succeeded in gaining for her a commutation of sentence to penal servitude for life, which punishment she is now serving out, and from which the great American public, realizing the injustice done by British law to an American, is trying every available measure to rescue her. Petitions for a new trial are being freely circulated and signed, in order to be sent to the British Home Secretary.

In addition to the insufficient evidence adduced at the trial, the in-

vestigation, it is rumored,

has not yet discovered how to guide the "writer," but promises a complete solution of that question in a few days. The illustration will show just what the machine will look like. It is suggested that persons wanting preliminary practice for this wheel take it by rolling down hill in a barrel or tying themselves to a mill-wheel. The inventor claims that he can make eighty-three miles an hour with it, and that it costs no more than an ordinary bicycle. If his invention is a success than the railroads of the world will probably quit business, and the inventor may have to pay taxes on billions of invested dead railroad capital in the United States.

BANK.

The term "bank" is derived from the Italian "banca," a seat or bench, and the early dealers in money were accustomed to sit on benches in the market places of the principal towns. The earliest public bank established in modern Europe was that of Venice, which was founded in 1157.

The verdict passed upon Mrs. Maybrick is still more evident when it is considered that the jury's finding was greatly influenced by the vindictive charge of Chief Justice Stephen, who has since been declared insane,

and whose mind was probably at that time already unbalanced.

Influential Americans, it is said, are about to take a hand in the efforts to secure her release.

## WHERE IT WAS BORN.

The Republican Party Said to Have Originated at Ripon, Wis.

The Republican party sprang into being on March 20, 1854, at Ripon, Wis., and the Hon. A. E. Boyce was now conceded to have been the man who devised the name.

There was at the time a place for the new party. The Whig party was dead. Its defunct condition was not generally realized, but it was dead, nevertheless.

It had been routed horse, foot, and artillery in the fall of 1852. That battle was its Waterloo. No party could outlive such a terrible slaughter of its innocents as that was. The leaders could not marshal their troops; could not anywhere bring their forces into line. In short, the party was dead, though not dissolved. A call was published in the Ripon Herald, signed by fifty-four citizens

meted out in allopathic doses.

Seven of the Notorious Sims Gang Lynched by an Irritated Population—How the Outlaws Were Made to Surrender—The Hunt Concludes.

Swift Retribution.

Bob Sims and two members of his bloodthirsty gang named Thomas and John Savage were lynched in Choctaw County, Alabama, by a mob. John Savage, a son of Thomas, was only 19 years of age. The Sims gang had been guilty of many crimes, the culmination coming when the McMillan family was murdered because of some trouble about land, the circumstances of the fleshly crime having been already related. The people of Choctaw County, tired of the bloody doings of Bob Sims and his crew, determined that no appeal to law was possible at this time, and the summary justice was voted out. "A sheriff's posse, armed with a six-pound gun, proceeded to Sims' cottage," determined to take the outlaw dead or alive. Sims and his two companions were heavily armed, and had expected to hold the cottage until night, when a dash for liberty would be made. On seeing the cannon, however, the outlaw sought to "parley" with the Sheriff, offering to surrender if the Sheriff would guarantee him protection from the members of the posse. The Sheriff said he could not do under the existing state of affairs and the intense excitement prevailing, but he could do the next best thing, he could and gave him a guard of fifty armed men. This proposition Sims finally accepted, saying that by holding out he and his wife would sacrifice the lives of his wife and daughters at the same time remarking that he did not expect he would get as far as Butler either dead or alive.

The armed guard started with the prisoners, consisting of Bob Sims, Tom Savage and two sons of John Savage on the journey to Butler. After their departure the remainder of the crowd, which had gathered at the scene, numbering about 150 determined men, held a meeting and took counsel as to what action was advisable. It was soon determined that the prisoners should be lynched, so, mounting their horses, they started in pursuit. On the road they met John Savage, previously reported as captured and hanged Christmas Eve. Without much ado they put a rope around his neck and strung him up to a

Continuing on, they overtook the other prisoners about two miles from the starting point and returning with them to the same tree from which John Savage was hanging, the mob adjusted ropes about their necks and mounted them two at a time in a buggy. Sims and one of the younger Savages were the first of those who surrendered to fall victims to the fury of the enraged populace. When asked if he had anything to say, Sims replied, defiantly:

"Come, feel my pulse, and see if you think I am cowardly."

The buggy was then driven out from under the tree they swung into eternity in like manner. Tom Savage and his nephew were hanged to the same tree.

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A later dispatch says that the lynching still goes on. Two more victims—John Sims, brother of Bob, and Moses, his nephew—have been hanged to the same tree. The Savages pleaded for mercy, while Sims refused to be blindfolded, assisted in adjusting the rope about his neck, and took things as coolly as though eating a Christmas dinner instead of playing a leading rôle in a tragedy which was to land him in eternity.

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TOO OFTEN full dress for ladies seem to be full and running over.

The proper thing to do with a can in office is to turn him out.

The man who called "A spade, a spade" probably needed one to fill his flush.

The exact facts as to Jerry Simpson's feet may be learned by inquiring of Santa Claus.

The Russians have reached the "root of the world," and England intends to find out what they are after.

Down in Texas a fellow killed a man, and it cost him in "fine and costs" \$37 to get out of it. Texas is moving.

ST. PAUL has a mighty strong name, but Minnie seems to have the knock of getting there when the bell rings.

From the newspaper pictures it is evident that even if Russell Sage's assailant was not a maniac he at least lost his head.

A FIREPROOF dress for ball-dancers has been invented. This will enable the sprightly coryphees to have all the flames they want.

WARD MCALISTER thinks that marriages between literary persons are seldom happy. Probably not among the literary people of Ward's 400.

A NEW YORK scientist thinks he has discovered the language of monkeys. When he has it fully at his command he might utilize it in writing a society novel.

There are a good many cranks in Congress this year, but if their presence there will frighten Wall street men away from the capital they may count upon re-election.

It is said that the man who cannot dance might as well resign claims to importance in New York City this season. All fashion has been on tip-toe studying the German cotillion.

HERE'S the crucial test. John L. Sullivan is going to Dwight and start as to the efficacy of the gold treatment. If Dr. Keeley can reform the professor the institution will have to be enlarged.

ANOTHER twenty-five hundred rabbits are shipped abroad every week by one firm in Eaton Rapids, Mich. Rabbits are not eaten rapidly enough in Eaton Rapids, and hence—though it is a digression.

SUBSCRIPTIONS are being taken up in England to provide a dowry for the princess who is going to marry "Cob-lars and Cuffs." There should be a law prohibiting the marriage of persons with no visible means of support.

AN outlaw was arrested in Memphis a few days ago who claims to have killed ninety-nine men. It might not be a bad plan for the authorities to hang him for the sake of making the number an even hundred.

"WAR has slain its thousands," exclaims the Buffalo Express, "but the deadly grade-crossing has slain its tens of thousands." Fiction never looks so insignificant, so helpless, so commonplace as when it bumps against a fact like this.

CONSIDERING the flood of reminiscences concerning the acquisitiveness and parsimony of Russell Sage with which the press is now deluged, it seems that the dynamiter came out of that little affair with a better reputation than his intended victim.

IT looks a little as though the Czar's persecution of the Christian sect known as the Stundists were intended to take the edge from his persecution of the Jews. It was hardly necessary, however, for him to show that he is not particularly discriminating in his tyranny.

A MAN has too much sense, as a rule, to build a ten-thousand-dollar-house on a thousand-dollar income, but church people do it in the matter of churches. They think in their early enthusiasm that the Lord will provide, but the Lord never provides for anything that is lacking in good business judgment.

THE POSTOFFICE department is not always rapid, but it is sure. A citizen of a neighboring state has just had returned to him a letter mailed a year ago, with a notice from the department that the person to whom it was addressed could not be found. The department has probably been employing Pinkerton detectives to hunt up the person.

THE NEW YORK correspondents are trying to make it appear that the opening of the opera season was more brilliant and fashionable in that city than in Chicago. This is simply incredible. No one will believe that people of wealth and refinement in the boxes in New York could have talked any louder during the pianissimo passages than they did in Chicago.

THE proper place for the Bancroft library is in this city, the commercial, literary, artistic and political metropolis of the United States—New York. Outside people have seen the crying need for a few good books in

the "political metropolis" for sometime past. If the commercial, literary, and artistic center will agree to read, no doubt the Sunday-schools all over the country would chip in with funds enough to make the purchase.

THE REV. LYNN Abbott disposes of the charge that he has uttered grossly heretical doctrine by declaring that the heresy was in the reporter's ears, not in his sermon. It may be allowed to pass at that this time, but who listens to almost any clergyman of Dr. Abbott's ability, breath, and courage has always to strain his ears to catch the very microscopic thread of precautionary qualification which holds the orator to his theological meetings.

THE NEW YORK Sun thinks there is "a job" in the proposition to have Congress appropriate \$5,000,000 for the World's Fair. The Sun is mistaken. It's only an opportunity to let Uncle Sam do his share, or let the rest of the country contribute about one-third as much as Chicago has for the fair, which, even New-Yorkers have become convinced, is not to be a Chicago fair, but a world's fair, to celebrate the discovery of not Lake Michigan, but of all America.

SIR EDWIN ARNOLD has been tendered a reception by the Unsuspecting. "Miss Frances E. Willard has been tendered a reception by the Daughters of Joss." Rev. Dr. Noah Absalom has been tendered a reception by the Church of the Holy Slipper. And so it goes on. If Sir Edwin has been tendered, to whom has he been tendered and for what purpose? If Miss Willard has been tendered, to what is she offered and what will come of it? If Rev. Dr. Noah Absalom has been tendered, where shall we look for him hereafter? There is no more general, ungrammatical or vulgar pest of bad English than tendering people and not explaining the aim, motive or object of the tender.

LATER details concerning the recent death of Caroline Beethoven, the last who bore the great composer's name, confirm the conjecture that she was the widow of his nephew, Karl, who caused him so much trouble while he was living. After his wife had borne him three daughters the graceless scoundrel deserted her, leaving her in straitened circumstances. Of late years she had been supported by her daughters, who are married, and by two musicians, who paid her money yearly on the anniversary of the composer's death. As it is reported that Karl Beethoven, when he ran away, came to this country, it would be worth the effort for some antiquarian to trace him out and find where he went and what he was doing here.

A CRANE is liable to be generally rational though he may be weak-minded on a hobby. As a rule he fully appreciates the results of violence. Men of this character should be severely punished for acts of violence. Fear of severe punishment is a great element in the prevention of crime, especially with men of hobbies. It is the man whose sanity is totally wrecked who knows no fear, simply because he cannot appreciate the results of crime or of violence. The only practical preventive against cranks is to punish those who resort to violence with the full extent of the law that fits the crime for the influence it has on the brotherhood of cranks, and to confine insane persons in asylums as long as there is the slightest possibility of their doing any injury to society.

THROUGH Mid-Armagh, where the Tory candidate for Parliament, Mr. Barton, was allowed to have a walk-over, is undoubtedly "Tory by a good majority." The Home-Rulers would have measured their strength there but for the unfortunate division in their ranks. The seat was carried by the Tories in 1855 by 1,500 majority. At a subsequent election the Home-Rulers put forward their leader in Ulster, Mr. Thomas Dickson, and he cut down the majority to 1,200, running against a most popular Tory of liberal ideas. Were the Home-Rulers united now they might be able to still further reduce the Tory majority, but as they are divided a contest would only result in an increase of the Tory majority. Mid-Armagh is one of the thirteen seats which the Tories can hold in Ulster for many years to come. They hold sixteen all told, but three by majorities not exceeding 100. The Home-Rulers hold seventeen seats—four of them by narrow margins.

FROGS AS FOOD. Most people believe, says a daily contemporary, that the edible frog is the only eatable batrachian in Europe, and that we have not developed the taste for those creatures for the simple reason that they are rare in certain localities in the Eastern counties. This is, however, not the case. The common frog—*Rana temporaria*—is eaten on the continent in much greater numbers than *Rana esculata*; it is just as good, and easier to catch, as well as more abundant. Something might be done in recommending this creature as food; it is common enough not to want preserving. The two frogs are so much alike that it needs a careful examination to distinguish them. In this connection we may mention that we have more than once seen frog meat on the menus of London restaurants, and, remember on one occasion to have quite enjoyed frogs' legs à la poulette at Gatti's well-known Strand restaurant. The dish ate like very delicate chicken.

A WISE man thinks before he speaks; but a fool speaks and then thinks of what he has been saying.

## DRESSES FOR THE DANCE

THEY ARE EXTREMELY RICH AND ELEGANT.

Now that the Holidays Are Past, the Fashionable World Has Taken to the Ball-Room, and There'll Be No Let-Up Until the Lenten Season.

Why Do We Dance?

OME ingenious writer has been attempting to explain why we dance, what we dance, who we grow people. He is willing to let us know everything you can find—dances—the lambkin gambols on the floor; the gavotte, the cot, romps and prances in the field, the ball romps in the pasture, and the children, too, without waiting for the coming of the dancing-master, execute nature's rhythmic movements in their play and frolicking. "But," exclaims this writer, "could there be anything more ridiculous than the spectacle of grown folks dancing in the ball-room?" I may have my say about ball dresses I would add that a ball dress is like the elegant frame of a picture—it strengthens and emphasizes bold points as much as it does the good ones. As our countrywomen are the best dancers in the world, it might be inferred that they look the best in ball costume, but such is not the case. The English woman's long as she stands still is undoubted the queen of the ball-room, as our women are the owners of the drawing-room—an excellence due to their vivacity, intelligence, and spiritual beauty, although it must be confessed

that the ladies in gauze are the prettiest.

The moment the holidays have passed, the fashionable world sets to work dancing, says our New York lady correspondent, and there is no rest until Lenten days come to check the gaiety. Ball dresses are extremely rich and elegant this season. For instance, it is a common thing to see a skirt in sat with an embroidered silk material and corsage in broaded stuff with long braid-trimmed with ribbon and Louis XV revers, straight flaring collar and turned sleeves. Another lovely ball dress was in pink satin, cut very low and framed with a silk tulie belt tied with pearls in front and on the shoulders. The embroidery was likewise in pearls.

In my initial illustration you will find pictured a very pretty evening gown in pink silk trimmed in a very original manner with white satin ribbons. I may say, in a general way, that pink, corn-yellow and Nile-green are the most modish colors for ball dresses; and that the round cut-out is to be much affected, a though you must not neglect to garnish it with a tulle or gauze ruche a little more than an inch in width.

For young persons, nothing could be more appropriate and more dressy than

that the American voice has not the depth and softness of the English voice.

In my fourth illustration I have still another ball dress to present for your consideration. It is a thoroughly charming costume, being made up in striped gauze. The gauze skirt is made over a white faille skirt which is finished with a ruching of the gauze cut on the cross.

These two skirts are made with bias and cross over bias in the middle of the back, but, in addition, the side breadths of the faille are also cut bias.

The gauze skirt is only bias as stated.

There must be gores sewed in at the top, and these are covered by the bouilloné gauze basques cut straight, which surround the entire corsage and are laced at the back. The waist darts must be made in the lining and the gauze is pleated over it. The gauze for the corsage is in one piece, cut on the bias, and has only one seam, that of the front. A dress-form will be needed to arrange the pleats. The cut out is framed with bands of velvet ribbon and a berline set off with velvet ribbon and berline, small bouffant blouse.

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It may take nine tailors to make a man, but one can break him.

A SPELL of la grippe is not so bad when it is spelled simply grip.

NO ONE can blame China for taking no part in the World's Fair—China is not in it.

DOWN EAST more people are interested in quinine pills this year than in diamonds.

The Shah of Persia has a pup worth \$400,000, but the Standard Oil Company can beat that.

A STUPID man always owns four or five volumes of a cyclopaedia, and a number of "parts" of an art work.

CHICAGO is not likely to escape the grip. It has reached St. Louis and menaces other of her immediate suburbs.

JOHN SULLIVAN says that he doesn't want any chloride of gold in his John would rather be tight than be President.

IN SPITE of the fact that so many of its "bookmakers" have gone out of business Chicago is still the great literary center of the country.

THE NEW YORK secret execution law seems to result in about as much secrecy as is generally enjoyed by a brass band parading the Bowery.

AMERICAN man no want Chinaman come stay. Chinaman no come see Melican man's big show. Melican man see?

JOAQUIN MILLER's first name is pronounced Walk-in. His son Harry, who is in a Western jail for stage robbing, probably wishes his name were Walk-out.

THE Japanese language has no profanity, and it is impossible to swear in Japanese. We all have something to be thankful for. We do not live in Japan.

TALL HALL, who is alleged to have killed ninety men, has been arrested in Tennessee. Tall Hall is probably a close relation to Fall Lin.

IT MUST be admitted that the New York bomb-thrower has been identified at last, but wouldn't it be just as well before to identify a bomb-thrower before he throws his bomb?

THE lack of cars to move the crop will help the farmers who won't "hold for a rise." It may turn out for the best for both producers and shippers. "Good as old wheat" has long been a maxim.

THE NEW YORK Herald would do well to take note of what Kate Field says: "I have not found the West wild and woolly in anything." The Herald man should let "Yurrop" slide for one year and visit the West.

JUST because the actress' name is pronounced "Ninjin," a Chicago newspaper scoffs at a contemporary who suggests that "Miss St. John should drop the saint out of her name." Under the circumstances she might drop the sin.

GREAT BRITAIN has been agitated in the past by the American use of the word "blizzard," and has professed utter ignorance as to its meaning. Recent experiences with storms will go far toward enlightening the "right little, tight little island."

THE reputation of the corset as a life-preserver continues to grow. A jealous husband struck at his wife the other day with a case-knife, and the weapon was turned aside by the steel in her corset. She is spared to enjoy life many years, perhaps, with her loving spouse.

PRESIDENT HARRISON has commuted the death sentence of three Yuma Indians who slew the official rainmaker of the tribe because he failed to bring a shower when ordered. This piece of official clemency is likely to make Messrs. Farwell and Dryerrenth uneasy.

Men who live by the strong arm and dynamite are puzzled as to whether train robberies, bank bungaries, bombing millionaires or abductions offer the surest and safest road to affluence. All these industries are being pried with a view to settling the question.

AN inspired writer long ago wrote: "A foolish son is the calamity of his father." A modern author wrote: "How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have a thankless child." Both maxims have been emphasized by the criminal acts of the sons of distinguished men.

IT HAS always been laid up against Adam even by his direct descendants that he was willing to shelter himself behind his wife when accused in thatapple business. There is, consequently, no great likelihood of sympathy for the publisher of a paper who seeks to screen himself in a libel suit behind his wife.

HE is no whole man who does not know how to earn a blameless livelihood. Society is barbarous until every industrious man can get his living without dishonest customs. Every man is a consumer, and ought to be a producer. He fails to make his place good in the world unless he

not only pays his debt but also adds something to the common wealth.

THE diplomatic communication which says that 30,000 Russians are literally dying from starvation, arouses a feeling that excludes all international jealousies and touches the tenderest chord of human sympathy. With thousands dead and thousands dying while they desperately struggle to keep the grim messenger at bay by eating the bark of trees, the irresistible impulse is to help them, regardless of trade relations or the feeling which the tyranny of Russia has aroused toward that Government. It is the innocent subjects who are suffering and it is a matter of no surprise that the general misery has driven them to acts of brigandage.

SELDOM or never has one poet admired and loved another more than James Russell Lowell admired and loved John Greenleaf Whittier. Their genius was widely different in many ways, as were their early lives, and as have been their life-long careers. But in this they were and are akin: In the loftiest work of both there is always present a supreme motive transcending any care for the mere literary form, or even originality and beauty of thought. This was the golden link between the sweet-souled, shy Quaker at "The Knolls" and the all-but-idolized Harvard University Professor, the thrice welcome guest at the banquet tables of old world nobles.

A LARGE part of the plunder obtained by the highwaymen who held up a United States mail-wagon in Chicago consisted of currency enclosed in registered letters. The Postoffice department expressly disavows entire responsibility for the safe delivery of registered mail, but does agree, in consideration of the fee paid, to use special and extraordinary care in handling such mail. The extraordinary care in this instance seems to have been confined to putting several hundred thousand dollars of registered mail in a pouch, throwing the pouch into a wagon, and intrusting the whole to one unarmed man, who drove the wagon through some of the darkest and loneliest streets of the city.

IS his lecture on Japan at Central Music Hall, Chicago, Sir Edward Arnold said that he was attracted to the Japanese language by the discovery that it had no imperative mood, no form of oath and no form of abuse. "You cannot," he explained, "swear at or abuse anybody in the Japanese language. The worst that you can say of anybody is that he is a 'yellow,' and if you wish to express your very pointed indignation you shout: 'There, there!'" Abuse, however, is a matter of intent and not of words. The most abusive words in English have no intrinsic meaning; they simply indicate the malevolence of the user. If "yellow" in Japanese is the most extreme term of reproof, it is for this reason as bad as the corresponding epithet in English.

THE Charity Organization Society in Chicago has a new plan, and one which, it is hoped by the promoters, may be a cure for pauperism in some cases. It is the penny provident scheme. It resembles banking. The smallest sums are received on deposit, and a little account book is given each depositor. The desire is to teach frugality. Men who want to save enough for a new suit of clothes, women who must get a sewing machine, children who want to save enough to buy shoes for school are thus enabled to do it. It affords an excuse for more frequent visits of the "friendly visitor." It enables her to gain the confidence of the poor whom she is endeavoring to assist, and in this way habits of economy can be taught so unconsciously that the person who is receiving the instruction will never suspect it. The poor do not like to be "reformed" in cold blood, and it is necessary to use a good deal of caution in working with them. But the Charity Organization of Chicago has some sensible and enthusiastic men and women in it, and if an unfortunate does not get snared in the red tape of the organization he fares very well.

FRONTIER LIFE. One of the quaintest and most thrilling escapes from a grizzly was made by Jack Bean, of Montana. With three other cowboys, he was out on the range rounding up some cattle, when, from some unknown cause, they became frightened and dashed away in a perfect panic. In vain the cowboys tried to check and turn the cattle from their mad career. For miles they tore along until they reached the brink of a small precipice, from which they dropped, killing scores and hundreds. This checked the stampede, and the cowboys began gathering up the herd.

While thus engaged, Jack became separated from his companions. A "bunch" of cattle wandered into a deep ravine, and finding that they refused to move at the sound of his voice, Jack left his broncho and rushed at the cattle, whip in hand. Just as he got them started, he heard a fierce growl, and, on looking back, saw a huge grizzly emerge from the bushes and start toward him. He was well aware of the terrible nature of the animal, and as the bear was fast closing the distance between them, he fled as fast as his legs could carry him. Presently he reached a small knoll, and just below was a steer, leisurely grazing. In an instant Jack leaped down on the steer's back, and in another instant the animal made a mad lash down the ravine to get rid of the unwelcome rider. Jack clung on with all his might until his strength gave out and he was tumbled off, while the steer continued on until it rejoined the herd, but the grizzly was completely disengaged. When Jack was found he was bruised and insensible, but soon recovered, and the next day the big grizzly was rounded up and killed.

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## HOW TO TRAIN DOGS.

### DIRECTIONS FOR THE EDUCATION OF CANINES.

For Practical Purposes Puppies May Be Treated Like Infants—Obedience and Right—Doing Should Be Made Pleasant.

#### RESTRAINT MUST BE GRADUAL.

Two extreme views have for a long period been entertained in regard to the training of the dog, says Dr. W. S. Mills in the Popular Science Monthly, the one that he is a wild, wayward creature to be "broken;" the other that he needs no special correction if properly taught from the first. Neither is quite correct.

A puppy full of life tends to do exactly as its impulses move him, till the highest motive power, a desire to please his master is substituted; it follows that a puppy cannot be too soon led to understand that he is a master—kind, honest, intelligent and firm.

Very easily a girl to instill into him

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## POLITICAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Michigan's \$25,000 soldiers' monument is completed.

Garza is a traitor, but that is not so heinous an offense in Texas as voting the republican ticket. His head is comparatively safe.—*Det. Journal*.

The senate made no delay about confirming Elkins' appointment. The new secretary of war takes possession of an office that Chiff's insolence may make responsible.—*Det. Journal*.

Temesco tin is materializing. The first full car load, shipped to W. W. Stewart, of San Diego, Cal., consisted of over thirteen tons. That weighs rather heavy for a "myth".—*Detroit Journal*.

Blaine's big dog licked another one that presumed to forage for bones near the Blaine mansion. The owner is good. Let Hill, or Cleveland, or Campbell, or Gorman, or Palmer, or Boies, beware how the monkeys with that presidential bone.—*Det. Journal*.

The sudden demise of general Tom Applegate, of the Adrian Times, comes with appalling force to the newspaper men of the state and with all the force of a personal bereavement.—*Lansing Republican*.

The Anderson, Ind., tin-mill has been in operation one month and has turned out several large orders. The company has received an order for 6,000 boxes to be shipped to New Orleans, whence it will be sent to Mexico and Central America.—*Western Review*.

Another boost to the manufacture of American tinplates will be given by the N. & G. Taylor Co., of Philadelphia. They have been manufacturing roofing tin for some time, but are now about to build the largest establishment in the United States for making tin plate of the finest grades. All this in spite of Democratic sneers.—*Det. Journal*.

Reciprocity is marching on. A new treaty has been concluded which takes in the British West Indian colonies of Jamaica, Barbadoes, the Leeward and Windward Islands, except Grenada and Trinidad, and Guiana. The Democratic cry of "bumbug" evidently has not reached these countries, or else they reckon Democratic talk as its actual value.—*Det. Journal*.

The necessity of a navy commensurate with the power and resources of this nation is becoming more and more apparent. The military order of the Loyal Legion of the United States has urged upon congress the completion of a navy sufficient in ships and armament to command and enforce the respect due the flag of this nation the world over.—*Detroit Journal*.

Harrison, Blaine, Foster and Elkins form a cabinet quartet that for keen political foresight, experience and discrimination it would be hard to match. No wonder the democratic leaders look with fear and trembling upon their unity, and try hard to puncture holes in their armor with pencils, pens and sharpened tongues. There is music preparing for next year.

Four months ago Democratic organs were declaring that tin plate could not be made in this country, and "the assertion that it could was only an electioneering dodge". The Temesco mines are now sending out tin by the carload, and in Pittsburgh alone they are building "the machinery for twenty mills" for the manufacture of tin in various sections of the United States.—*Chicago Inter Ocean*.

It is said that six bushels of peas equals in fattening qualities ten bushels of corn. If this is true, why would it not be a good thing for Crawford county farmers to raise more peas and give more attention to raising hogs for pork? Peas are a sure crop in this section, not only giving a large yield, but of the best quality. Pork will always sell readily at a good price.

The decision of the New York judges virtually leaves the legislature in the hands of Democracy. The membership of the senate stands 16 Democrats, 15 Republicans, and one district left to the determination of the senate. This leaves the Democrats in position to capture the doubtful district, giving them just a quorum, 17. If the Republicans should all get beyond the reach of the sergeant-at-arms and leave the Democrats without a quorum, they might enforce some compromise. This action is threatened.—*Det. Journal*.

The intelligence that general Thomas S. Applegate of the Adrian Times died suddenly on Sunday, caused a pang of keen sorrow in every newspaper office in Michigan.—*Jackson Patriot*.

Governor Winans has appointed Robert Blacker, of Manistee, as Secretary of State to succeed the deposed Soper. He has taken the oath of office and assumed the duties. He was born in Brantford, Ont., Oct. 31, 1845, and came to Michigan when 18 years of age. After being in the state two years he located at Manistee and two years later became one of Davies, Blacker & Co. and the firm built a large saw and shingle mill and since has been engaged largely in the lumber and shingle business.—*Cheboygan Tribune*.

Tom Applegate was a most genial fellow, and known far and near. In his death his wife loses a constant and loving companion, the press an able member, and the state an honored citizen.—*Big Rapids Bulletin*.

The Manistee district now leads all others in Michigan in the production of salt. Its output for the year ending with last month was twenty-eight per cent of the 3,971,000 barrels of salt inspected from the 112 "blocks" with 4,000 solar covers in Michigan, which have a maximum annual capacity of nearly 6,000,000 barrels. The manufacture of salt in that state was begun in 1860, and the total product since that time to the close of November was 56,802,410 barrels or nearly one and a quarter per capita for the average population of the United States during the whole time the works have been in operation to our chief Magistrate.

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Two vacant lots on Peninsular Avenue. Very desirable.

Several choice lots on Brink's addition.

GOOD HOUSE, TWO LOTS, BARN, FINE SHRUBBERY, etc., corner Peninsular Avenue and Ogeuaw Street. Cheap.

A number of good farms.

Six Houses and Lots in Jonesville.

Five Brick Store in Hudson.

Any of the above property will be sold on terms to suit purchasers, or exchanged for other property.

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J. C. HANSON, LOCAL EDITOR.

THURSDAY, JAN. 7, 1892.

## LOCAL ITEMS.

Read the new Ad of A. Kraus, the pension of C. D. Viseffent, of Center Plains, has been increased.

Fresh Gold-dust, at the City Market. Mr. and Mrs. Phelps, spent New Years with friends in West Bay City. Choice Confectionary and Cigars, at Jackson & Masters.

Miss Ida Bailey returned to her other home and school at Mayville, Monday.

Men's Hand Knit Mitts and Socks, at Claggett & Pringles.

W. A. Reed, now of Owosso, came up to spend New Years day with old friends.

Will Masters went to Traverse City, for Christmas.

During 1891, 66 teachers' institutes were held in Michigan, at a cost of \$12,697.

The "Drummer Boy of the Rappahannock" Jan. 13th. and 14th.

J. W. and Miss Fannie Staley returned to Albion College yesterday morning.

The best Pickles in town are found, at Simpson's City Market.

Miss Bessie Mickelson returned to her school and classes at Oberlin, last Wednesday.

Ask Braden to show you those new moldings for picture frames.

Miss Mary Jorgenson returned to Hillsdale College, Wednesday, to resume her Art studies.

Full Cream Cheese, at the Store of S. H. & Co.

School re-opened Monday with full attendance. A few pupils are detained by whooping cough.

Messrs. Jackson & Master handle the Western Cottage Organ.

Peter Johnson and wife, of Otsego Lake, celebrated the advent of the New Year with father Wilcox and family.

Tippe Blankets, at lowest price, at the Store of S. H. & Co.

A number of our citizens report an entire loss of their house plants, with the sudden change of temperature, the 1st.

The AVALANCHE and Detroit Tribune, one year, for a dollar and a half.

Mrs. Thos. Wakely received a Christmas present, consisting of a Silver Tea Set, over which she is considerably elated.

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Ladies will find a new and complete line of Dress Flannels, at Claggett & Pringles.

County Clerk Masters had his house filled with friends, New Years day, who had a most enjoyable time, if one might judge by the racket.

Pancake time is here, so is Claggett & Pringles' Pure Buckwheat Flour. They always have it.

The annual meeting of the executive committee of the Michigan state agricultural society will be held in Lansing, Monday evening, January 11.

Call at the Store of S. H. & Co. and examine the Electric Oil Stove, the best in the market.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Persons desire to thank the people of Grayling for the kindly assistance rendered them on account of the loss of their house by fire.

We have our northeastern railroad. Now let every man be ready to lift on the southwest outlet, direct to Chicago, and the future of Grayling is assured.

A new invoice of Fascinators received, at the Store of S. H. & Co. Come and see them.

Eugene Cadgen, of Oscoda, aged 15, was drowned last week while skating upon Van Etten lake. He was an only child and his mother is prostrated with grief.

S. H. & Co. have a full line of Ladies', Children's and Boys' Hose, at all prices.

Will Marwarren was home a part of last week, returning to the University, Monday morning, where he stands in the front rank in the classes in engineering.

Now is the time for Mince Pies, Boiled Cider and Mince Meat for the same, at Claggett & Pringles'.

In the household of H. M. Long, the Oscoda lumberman, are his mother, aged 93, his first wife's mother, aged 92, and the mother of his present wife, aged 88.

If you want a first class Sewing Machine, buy the American or Domestic of Jackson & Masters.

The state convention met at Grand Rapids. It reported 2,500,000 trout and 400,000 white fish at the Paris hatchery, which will be ready for planting next spring.

Claggett and Pringle serve the best drinks in town, consisting of choice Teas, Coffees and Cocoa.

The theatrical entertainment given by our Danish friends last week, was very pleasantly arranged and gave great satisfaction to all who could understand the language.

Did you see the cork shoes for men, at Bell's. They are only \$3, and are worth twice the money.

Crawford Tent K. O. T. M., will hold a special meeting this evening for the installation of officers, and the transaction of important business. Every Knight is expected to be present.

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The Stickley Bros. chair manufacturers, have changed their base of operations from Binghamton, N. Y., to Grand Rapids, and 45 families moved with them. The firm's new factory is ready for the machinery.

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The iron on the Grayling, Twin Lakes and northeastern railroad is all laid, or will be to-day. This road has been built in a first class manner, and regular service will be promptly inaugurated. The Michelson & Hanson Lumber Co. is pushing their work at Lewiston, and with the opening of spring we will feel the effects of the new line in increased business here.

Do not make a mistake but take your Watches, Clocks and Jewelry for repairs to G. W. Smith, Jeweler and Engraver. Prices as low as good work permits.

THE SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, referred to in another column, under the heading of "Patent", is the very best publication in this country for those interested in science, engineering mechanics, inventions, etc. A copy of the SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN may be seen at the office of this paper, where subscriptions will be received.

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D. Johnson, of Cheney, has been very ill with pneumonia but is recovering. One day last week, his little girl came near joining the Angels. Her clothing caught fire in some way, while Mrs. Johnson was out of the room, and but for the presence of mind of the older girl would have resulted disastrously. Her clothing was half burned off.

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## HUNTING IN WYOMING.

FROM FT. MCKINNEY TO POWDER RIVER FORK.

Stories of the Stage Road—The Feeding Ground of the Antelope—Chasing a Deer at the Drop of a Hat—A Tenderfoot's Luck.

Endurance of a Wounded Antelope. We had been enjoying the hospitality of Colonel J. J. Van Horn, who commands Ft. McKinney, when the Indians came up and took the two men, Fort McKinney was the most remote frontier post, up over 300 miles from the railway; now the distance has been reduced one-half. In the surroundings contributing to comfort, amid so much good taste showing the handwork of refined and inquisitive woman, one could hardly realize that we were 700 miles from the nearest city, Omaha; that the Indians of the post had been accustomed to do their shopping entirely through the problematical medium of a price-list, with an express

following morning. The captain bid "Jefferson Davis," farewell, leaving assurance that he would have deer meat for supper. Grouard, myself and Lieutenant Rhodes crossed the powder and were soon threading the labyrinthine draws that led away from the river. Deer skins were quite thick. Grouard was shooting with his gun, and he could find the track of a wild turkey. In the sage grass, and could tell where a deer had trod during the previous forty-eight hours, picking the new out of a puzzling multitude of old tracks.

His gentle "sh, sh," and quiedy gesture of the hand indicates something new and warm. A little shadow lifts up the canon. "There goes a deer, wait here," said the guide. Out of the gully and around it in shape he circles. Crack goes his rifle; we ride up just as Grouard is dragging out a small body that looks like a goat. It is wild and woolly, quite a young deer, and the guide pronounced the most curious thing he had ever shot. After five minutes after he has skillfully carved the carcass, has the ham on his horse, and leaves the remains for the great golden eagle that is soaring, hungry overhead.

Two hours later we approach the brow of a high hill. "There are some deer over there," said the guide, pointing with his hand; "be careful." "Don't shoot your gun!" We dismount, stake the lariated horses and then half creeping, move toward the edge of the ridge. Now we are down on our hands and knees. "Careful, careful—we keep over the mountain," said the guide, after a short time. "If I fall, you will get your loosened cinches tightened the robber was over the hills and off toward the mountain fastnesses and was not heard from until two years later in Nebraska, where a small fraction of the money was recovered.

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## THE KOLA NUT.

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and the chalcids—wasps-like insects that are parasites and do incomparable good. They are of all sizes and prey upon almost all kinds of insects. They are far more helpful to the farmer than are the tachina flies. They saved the wheat crop in Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana in 1889. The wasps also belong to this order, and do much good; indeed, we think we may say that the wasps are only our friends. They are dreaded needlessly, for, unmolested, they rarely, if ever, sting. We have seen wasps carry off slugs and tent caterpillars in great numbers. Every farmer should become acquainted with these friends and learn their habits, that he may help—not hinder—their good work.

The Kola nut is a native of the coast of Africa, but has been introduced into and thrives well in the West Indies and Brazil. It grows on a tree forty feet high, which produces pale yellow flowers spotted with purple. The leaves of the tree are six or eight inches long, and are pointed at both ends. The fruit consists of five long, slender pods radiating from a common center. One of these when broken open is found to contain several nuts somewhat similar to hazelnuts and of about the same size. The nuts are solid, being slightly softer toward the center than on the outside.

The natives of the countries where the nuts grow use them for various purposes. They pass for money in Africa. They are also used as a symbol of friendship and hate, the light colored ones signifying the former, and the dark the latter. They are supposed to aid digestion, and it is the practice to chew a small bit before eating a meal. They also thirst, and if a small piece be chewed and held in the mouth while drinking, the most bitter and stagnant water can be taken, and will taste sweet and agreeable. I doubt if this quality of rendering stagnant water pure is possible by the nuts. I rather think that the astringent taste of the nut paralyzes the gustatory nerves momentarily, and for that reason the water is not tasted. Hunger they are also supposed to allay, but they do no more than paralyze the nerves. They have a stimulating effect, and when going on long marches the natives chew bits of the nuts continually, and with about the same effect as if intoxicating liquor had been used, though without the same bad results. Powdered kola-nut is sprinkled in cuts and wounds and has a healing effect.

A chemical analysis of the nuts shows them to contain 20 parts of caffeine and but a fraction of a part of tannin. No, it will never be used in the place of tea and coffee. Its taste and chemical properties are against it.

Earthquakes in Japan.

During the nine years and six months preceding December, 1884, there had occurred in Japan, according to the official statement published by the government, 553 earthquakes, averaging one earthquake for every six days and six hours. Professor Milne was able to make the average even greater than this, according to a writer in the Illustrated American.

He could trace an average of an earthquake per day in Nagasaki, in the extreme south of the Japanese Archipelago. Probably the official statistics were compiled from the returns of officials from all over the country, in which case only those shocks which caused loss of life or damage to property would be included.

If this hypothesis be correct, we should have an average of more than one earthquake per week, which was so violent that it caused injuries to life or property sufficiently serious to attract the attention of the local authorities, and in their judgement, to require a report to the central government.

Earthquakes being so common people scarcely notice them unless they be extraordinary severe ones. For instance, Miss Bird in her "Unwritten Tracks" thus summarily dismisses two: "While we were crossing the court there were two shocks of earthquake; all the golden wind bells which

fringe the roofs ring softly, and a number of priests ran into the temple and beat various kinds of drums for the space of half an hour."

As every one knows, Japan is the very heart of earthquakes. In 1854 more than sixty thousand people lost their lives in consequence of one of these great terrestrial catastrophes, and it has been calculated that from ten to twelve earthquakes, each lasting several seconds, occur every year.

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## OUR BUDGET OF FUN.

Risking His Life to Buy the Corpse of an Enemy.

After the repulse of one of the furiously assaults at Acre, says a writer in

Good Words, the dead body of a

French officer was left lying in

a prominent position between the walls

and the besiegers' trenches. The

body lay there for a day or two and

attracted much attention. It was

spoken about on board the

Tigre, which lay off Acre, and the matter

made an impression difficult to ac-

count for on the simple superstitious

mind of Kelly. Only the very smart

men had been sent ashore to

assist in the defense, and Kelly was

not among these. But one day he

begged for and obtained leave to go

ashore. As soon as he entered the

town he procured a shovel, a pickax,

and a coil of rope, walked straight to

the ramparts, and, declaiming all offers

of assistance, lowered himself from an

embrasure. The firing at the moment

was fast and furious.

As Kelly set

foot upon the ground and, shouldering his tools, walked deliberately toward the dead body a dozen French

muskets were pointed at him. One

of the enemy's commanders, however,

divined the sailor's intentions, or

ordered his men to let him go.

In an instant both sides, as if by some

common impulse, ceased firing and

Kelly, the object of breathless attention

from friend and foe, stopped beside the Frenchman's corpse. He

then coolly and calmly dug a grave,

put the officer into it, covered him up, and taking from his pocket a small piece of board and a bit of chalk

wrote on the board "Here you lie, old Crop," and put at the head of the grave this rough-and-ready memorial.

"Old Crop" was no doubt honest Kelly's

rendering of "Crappad," the French

for a frog, and a nickname with the

sailors for all "mounseers." This

pious duty done, he shouldered his

implements again, walked back as

deliberately as he had come and dis-

appeared within the embrasure. The

fire recommenced and men thirsted

once more for another's blood. Sir

Sidney Smith, the very man to delight

in such an adventure, sent for Kelly

and questioned him about it.

The simple-hearted tar could only wonder

what others could find anything to

wonder at in his exploit.

"You were alone?" said Sir Sidney.

"No, I was not alone," answered Kelly.

"I was told you were," protested the commodore.

"No, I wasn't alone," was the reply.

"God was with me."

Mountain Top Observatories.

Of late the importance of getting

high up in the air in order to study



## AGRICULTURAL TOPICS.

### A FEW SUGGESTIONS FOR OUR RURAL READERS.

Good Results from Thoroughly Dried Seed—How to Shoot a Boar—Value of Corn Meal for Feeding—Poultry Notes—Household and Kitchen.

#### Thoroughly Dried Seed.

ALL seeds have to be thoroughly dried in order to germinate well. We have known seasons when much rain prevailed before harvest, giving the wheat grain a soft, moist berry when it possessed comparatively poor germinating powers, and in such seasons wheat of the previous year's growth yielded best. Corn more than almost any other grain is liable to be poorly dried at planting. It is a large grain, matures late, and sometimes only dries as the moisture freezes out of the grain. This makes a glossy coat, and the oil meal gives more strength to horses at work than feeding corn, which will make a glossy coat, but one that will not stand hard work. Feeding corn indeed the reason for the common prejudice against getting the old coat off too quickly. A liberal supply of oats must be given horses which are working while shedding their coat.

is justification for grinding it with the corn, and especially so when hay and bran bring good prices.

#### Horses Shedding Their Coats.

The time when a horse is exchanging the covering of hair he has worn a year for a new one is critical. While no apparent evil result may be seen, it necessarily follows that the animal must appropriate a considerable share of the food it eats for supplying the draft that nature makes at this time. Horses will shed their coats much more quickly if well fed and with somewhat laxative food, in order to prevent the horse from becoming constipated, as it is apt to do on hay or other dry feed. It used to be common for farmers to have the moult season to continue all the spring, and finally finish their new coat after grass comes, so that they can be given some green feed. A much better method is to feed liberally, and if only dry feed is given add a little oil meal to the ration. This makes a glossy coat, and the oil meal

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#### About Dehorning.

Farmer Hauff says: "No man consults his pocket or the welfare of the cattle, who uses shears for dehorning. Just as well use shears on cord-wood and expect no splinters as on a cow's horn. No man living ever did or will shear a horn three or more years old without crushing the bones, and if sore heads do not follow crushed bones then I am not an authority on dehorning."

#### THE DAIRY.

##### Herefords as Dairy Cows.

"A novice" inquires if Herefords are fairly good for the dairy. The milk of the Hereford cow is very rich in quality but the quantity is small. She is not intended for dairy purposes. That is to say, if the object is principally milk and its products, it would be better to select some of the distinctive dairy breeds. If we wish to produce beef, and the milk is of secondary importance, the Hereford is as good as any cow if not better. Yet it is but fair to say that not long ago a man who is engaged largely in the dairy, said that he wanted no better cow than the Hereford. But we repeat, the Hereford is a beef breed, and as long as we keep that fact in view and act accordingly, we shall not be disappointed. The Holstein-Friesian or the Jersey would give better satisfaction as a dairy cow. —Western Rural.

Cream from Many Pans.

"It would get milk in the pail and butter in the churn must first put them into the mouth of the cow?" is an old and true proverb, and will not admit of any variation.

It is not advisable to use sour butter as a starter, for any fault in the butter will not only be perpetuated but increased by this system. The same applies to sour cream not especially ripened by itself from day to day.

BALANCING of the nutritive value is the great principle of food composition for cows, but Prof. Robertson of Canada says he has found *partiality* of the feed of more importance than a strict adherence to the balancing of the nutritive ratio.

The average specific gravity of milk is about 1.030. The difference between this and 985 brings the cream to the surface; it is so little that the cream makes haste very slowly. The globules never all come to the surface. Other circumstances being the same, the largest ones rise quickest.

#### THE POULTRY-YARD.

##### Feeding Hens on the Farm.

GINGER SNAPS.—One cupful of molasses, one egg, one-half cup sugar, one cupful lard, one spoonful of ginger and one of soda, and flour to work up quite stiff. Roll thin, and bake in a moderate oven.

CINNAMON COOKIES.—One egg, one cupful of sugar, one cupful molasses, one-half cup lard, one spoonful each of soda, vinegar, and cinnamon. Roll thin, and bake quickly.

ALWAYS salt any article where lard is used in place of butter. Water is better than milk in most cold receipts. Hickory nut meats are nice for the top of sugar cookies.

MOLASSES COOKIES.—One cupful of sugar, one cupful molasses, one cupful lard or butter, one-half cup hot water, spoonful each of soda, ginger and cinnamon, and flour to roll thick. Mark into cards, sprinkle with sugar, and bake.

In the recipes calling for molasses, the best New Orleans must be used in order to obtain the best results, and that must never be used without soda.

GINGER DROPS.—One-half cup each of molasses, sugar, lard, and boiling water, one teaspoonful of alum dissolved in the water, and one spoonful of soda. Add ginger and cinnamon, and flour to stir very stiff. Place drops as large as walnuts in tins, so they will not touch; place a raisin on top of each. Bake in a moderate oven.

If properly made, these are a good substitute for the "frosted creams" so generally liked, and may be made far cheaper than they are sold.

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## ELECTRIC FLASHES.

### NEWS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

### FIERY DEVASTATION.

#### SITE OF NASHVILLE'S FAMOUS FIRE AGAIN SWEEPED.

Foreclos Argument of Striking Operators—Graves Found Guilty at Denver—Imposing Inaugural Ceremonies at Albany—M. S. S. Dreadnaught Without Able Seamen.

Dr. Graves Is Convicted.

At Denver, the jury in the Graves case has returned a verdict of guilty on the first degree. When it was read Dr. Graves was asked what he thought of the verdict. He replied by repeatedly saying that it was a great shock and surprise to him. The convicted man was taken to jail. His wife and mother were prostrated by the finding of the jury.

FLOWER IS NOW GOVERNOR.

New York's New Executive Inaugurated in the Presence of a Big Crowd.

At Albany, N. Y., Roswell P. Flower assumed the function of Chief Executive, long wielded by David B. Hill. The streets of Albany were alive with residents and out-of-town sight-seers. The coronation was held in the Assembly chamber, which was gorgeously decorated with American flags, bunting and streamers. Mr. Flower and his honorary escort rode in open broughams, a florid brougham with Gov. Flower. The military display, as according with Mr. Flower's wishes, was simple. The procession proceeded to the Assembly chamber, where it was enthusiastically received. The assembly was called to order by Mayor Manning, Bishop Doane following with prayer. At the conclusion of the latter Gov. Hill, in a brief speech, said: "I have endeavored to make political distinctions was carefully avoided—transferred the duties of his office to Mr. Flower. Mr. Flower responded in a brief address.

FOUR FIREMEN KILLED.

Nashville, Tenn., Visited by a Terrible Configuration.

Ten years ago in May the most disastrous fire that Nashville, Tenn., had ever had occurred around the corner of College and Church streets. Another fire has just burned over the site of the fire of ten years ago, causing a loss of fully \$600,000. Four colored firemen lost their lives. They were fighting the fire at the time, standing out a three-story building. They were pouring a stream of water into another building of A. J. Warren, when it toppled over, upon them, crushing them all to death.

CENSUS BULLETIN OF CANADA.

The Percentage of Increase in Population Is Less than for the Preceding Decade.

George Johnson, Dominion statistician, has issued the third census bulletin. It deals with the population of the three maritime provinces; the figures being given by groups of counties and subdistricts. Of the counties thus grouped, sixteen show decreases and twenty slight increases in population. Taking the three provinces together, the population increased 1.5 per cent. in 1881 as compared with 1871, and barely 1.2 per cent. in 1891 as compared with 1881.

ST. LOUIS PRIESTS WANT TO VOTE.

They Demand the Right to Elect Their Ecclesiastical Superiors.

The continued illness of Archbishop Hendrik, at St. Louis, is creating much uneasiness among the clergy and laity of his diocese. The anxiety is doubled by the fact that he still persists in his refusal to consider the appointment of a coadjutor. The priests have taken the matter up and will, it is said, attempt to enforce a decree of the last council at Baltimore giving the irremovable priests the right to vote for the election of a bishop or coadjutor.

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SOLDIERS PRAYING UPON CHINESE.

Accused of Smuggling Some and Robbing Others Near Fort Niagara.

The War Department has taken hold of the Fort Niagara soldiers' business of smuggling Chinamen, and a thorough investigation will be made. The officers and men are all in a flutter and it is charged that half the men at the fort have been making small fortunes in this business.

Withdraws from the United States.

The City of London Fire Insurance Company has it reported, decided to withdraw entirely from business in the United States. This is due to the fact that during the last five years business has been bad and there has probably been a loss.

Killed by Striking Operators.

At Texarkana, Ark., a car containing ten non-union operators, whom the Western Union Telegraph Company was sending South to take the places of strikers, was broken into and three of the men were killed.

Search for a Crooked Bookkeeper.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Charles B. Marsh, bookkeeper at the State Almshouse at Tewksbury, Mass., for the embezzlement of \$500 from the pay of the officers of the institution. Marsh and his wife are believed to be in Chicago.

Murdered Within Sight of Home.

W. P. Bulley, a prominent merchant of River Junction, Fla., was murdered within 100 yards of his home. No clue.

J. W. Dickinson's Fatal Fall.

On Dec. 12 the Cincinnati (Ohio) police found an unknown man lying unconscious. He was James W. Dickenson, and resided at Toledo. He had fallen from a street car, and concussion of the brain had caused him to linger through the rest of the month and died.

Was Married but a Week.

Alfred Oman, 22 years old, an assistant cashier of the San Pedro, Cal., Bank, shot and killed himself. He was married Christmas day and had just returned from the wedding trip. No reason for the suicide is known.

Whipped by White Caps.

Near Hopkinsville, Ky., W. M. Humphreys, a farmer, was visited by a party of White Caps, who whipped him most brutally. Humphreys is a middle-aged man. He has purchased two pistols and a Bowie knife, saying he intends being ready for his visitors when they come again.

Twelve Women Take the Veil.

At the Sacred Heart Convent in Albany, N. Y., twelve women took the final vows in accordance with the ritual of the Catholic Church, renouncing the world and becoming nuns. The ceremonies were the most impressive that have occurred at the Sacred Heart Convent.

### SCANDAL ENDS IN DEATH.

Three Men Killed by the Defender of a Sister of Two of the Victims.

Fentress County, on the upper Tennessee, is abuzz with a sensation which resulted in the death of three men and the disgrace of three of the first families of Tennessee, and it all came of a scandal about a woman. Marion and Dave Beatty and Gwin Bowden lie dead in their mansions, and Edward Harris, their murderer, is a fugitive from justice with a \$500 reward offered for his apprehension and delivery at Jamestown. Three months ago Mary Beatty, sister of the upper Tennessee country, retired from society. Shortly after she caused the arrest of her father, Clayton Beatty, a banker and the richest man in Fentress, a scandalous charge. The arrest raised a howl in the nest, and the sheriff removed his prisoner to another county to escape a lynching. The father was finally released on \$3,000 bonds, and the daughter took refuge with the family of Ulman Harris, near Jamestown, who were her relatives. Recently the Harris family came to town with Mary Beatty, to appear before the grand jury to indict the girl's father. On their return home they were followed by the Beatty brothers and Gwin Bowden, who tried to induce Mary to return to her father's home. When she refused, they struck her over the face with a whip. Ed. Harris undertook to protect her, and the three men then went at him. He turned on them, and, pulling a British bulldog revolver, shot them all three dead. Harris then killed the girl and his mother, and taking Bowden's horse, fled, while his father drove the family home.

### KEPT FROM HIS WIFE'S SIDE.

A Hoboken Husband Not Allowed to See His Young Bride.

Some months ago Charles Dorrus and Miss Louise Rayot, of West Hoboken, were married secretly. Miss Rayot's stepfather, Edmund Moses, had ideas of making a better match for her than Dorrus, and nearly drove the young man from his home and asked to see Louise. Moses refused to admit him. Then the young man declared himself the husband of the girl, but Moses still refused to admit him. Dorrus insisted on entering, and a struggle followed between the two men. Moses finally succeeded in pushing Dorrus out of the house. Dorrus walked up and down in front of the house until early morning, when he saw some one come out of the house and go down the street. Soon afterward an undertaker's wagon drove up to the door, a box was taken into the house, and Dorrus knew that his wife was dead.

### A WOMAN'S BRAVE DEFENSE.

Battling for Her Little Girl and Herself She Drives Out an Interloper.

Mrs. Susan Covert, a widow, lives in a humble house in rather an isolated spot near Tarentum, Pa. The other night, about nine o'clock, Jack Fleming knocked at her door and asked for a drink of water. This was cheerfully given him. He then forced himself into the room. His evil intentions were first directed toward Mrs. Covert's seven-year-old daughter, but the man was fiercely opposed by the frightened mother. There was no help at hand. The fellow then directed his efforts toward Mrs. Covert. He began to beat her, and she struggled with him, but she was finally driven from the room. She took her little girl in her arms and ran to a distant neighbor's and searched the neighborhood and hills all night. The man was finally found hiding in a coal shaft.

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### AFTER GOULD'S GIRL.

Plot of a Gothic Crime to Abduct the Wizard's Daughter.

A plot to kidnap Miss Helen, the oldest daughter of Jay Gould, has been unearthed at New York, and may lead to an arrest, although the wizard and police detectives believe it to be the wild scheme of a crank. This crank wrote to a friend in New York this afternoon, "Brooks Norcross threw a bomb in Russell Sage's office, saying he was going to blow up Miss Helen, Gould, take her to the West, and if Mr. Gould did not come along and son-in-law him, he would kill Miss Helen a captive until \$100,000 ransom was paid." The writer of the letter signed himself "Non Michaels" and directed John F. Bassford, general agent of the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company, to whom it was written, to let Jim know how much Mr. Gould would probably give up for the election of a bishop or coadjutor.

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### BROKE THE MONOTONY.

Triple Elopement from Lebanon, Ky.—A Fourth Couple Caught.

A triple elopement has taken place at Lebanon, Ky. Robert Piper, of Gravel Switch, and Miss Bettie Bottoms, of North Fork, Boyle County; J. J. Powell, of Boyle County, and Emma Pipers, of Gravel Switch, and Logan Whitlock; and Miss Mary Belle Coulter, of Casey County, were the four who eloped. The four are all the daughters of miners.

Some of the young people are well known in society and are highly respected, and soon to have run away simply to break the monotony of home weddings. Another couple made an effort to accompany the trio, but the young-lady was caught and locked up by her parents.

### TWO MEN BLOWN TO ATOMS.

Terrible Explosion of Dynamite at a Saw-Works, Wauwatosa, Wis., Stone Quarry.

Four boxes of dynamite bombs used in blasting, exploded at Schoenemeyer's stone quarry, in Wauwatosa, Wis., blowing Albert Burlitz and William Walker to atoms and scattering their remains over the country for several miles. John Kalashsky was fatally injured. The two men killed were in the act of loading the blasting pump when the explosion occurred. The concussion demolished hundreds of windows at Wauwatosa and a number in Milwaukee.

### SIX PASSENGERS HURT.

Bad Railway Wreck—Caused by a Broken Rail Near Bristol, Tenn.

A broken rail on the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia Railroad track, four miles west of Bristol, Tenn., caused the west-bound passenger train No. 5 and ditched two coaches. Six passengers were badly hurt.

### GAUTED A BAD MAN.

The Leader of the Gang Guilty of Robbery Caught.

After weeks of hard labor spent in following up slender clues the Pinkertons, in conjunction with Chief Harrison, of St. Louis, and the police force in that city, have run to earth and captured the leader of the gang which, it is claimed, is responsible for the

robberies on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway, near Western Union Junction, on Nov. 12, the Adams Express messenger on the "Frisco" and the Missouri near St. Louis, on the night of Nov. 30. His name is Albert D. Sly, and he was arrested by Robert D. Plunkett at Los Angeles, Cal., with a large amount of the stolen money in his possession. The watch he had taken from the Adams Express messenger is in his pocket. In addition to these two daring crimes, Sly is suspected of being the leader of the gang that robbed the street-car barns at Omaha, Neb., in October, the Metropolitan street-car barns in Kansas City in the same month, and the Pacific Express Company on the Missouri Pacific Railroad, near Omaha, Nov. 4. All these robberies were committed under similar circumstances and in each instance dynamite was used.

### READY TO SCRATCH EYES OUT.

Two Ex-Officers of the Ohio Woman's Regt. Corp at War.

Emma L. Koen, an officer of the State Department of the Woman's Relief Corps of the G. A. R., has fled a charge at Canton, Ohio, that Ada F. Clark, Past President of the department, has embezzled \$67 from the organization. Mrs. Clark denies the charge has demanded an investigation, and a secret inquiry will be begun. A charge has been made publicly that Mrs. Koen was guilty of improper conduct with leading merchant of that city at the Detroit and Steubenville encampments. She laughs at the charge but the merchant is indignant and threatens to sue the originators of the charge.

### MADE THE DRUMMER WALK.

Texas Cowboys Take Possession of a Passenger Train.

A half dozen cowboys took possession of the south-bound passenger train on the International and Great Northern Road forty miles north of San Antonio, Tex. They boarded the train at Buda Station and their first act was to force a Chicago drummer of the train because he wore a red cravat and high silk hat. They then continued their detachments by making a number of young ladies in the Italian car sing for them. They reinforced the drummer with drawn sabers and the train for twenty miles, when they stopped off at a way station.

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### MADE HIS OWN COFFIN.

Thomas P. Brady was buried in a coffin made by himself ten years ago at Easton, Pa. Just before he died he said he wanted to be buried in a coffin that he had made which would be found in his stable. The boards of which it is made have evidently been used for other purposes. It is a very simple affair.

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### Failure of a Brewery.

The extensive brewery and malt-house of William Sutcliffe, at Auburn, N. Y., has been closed by the Sheriff.

### MARKEET QUOTATIONS.

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Hogs—Fair to